



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Confirmation No.: 4222

Takaki YOSHIDA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2133

Serial No.: 09/697,305

Examiner: Joseph D. Torres

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For:

FAULT DETECTING METHOD AND

LAYOUT METHOD FOR SEMICONDUCTOR

INTEGRATED CIRCUIT

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Customer Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows: